(d) whether Nasik has now been chosen as a Bombay-base for new Airline which had applied to the Director General of Civil Aviation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government and DGCA thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) M/s Raj Aviation Pvt. Ltd., have been permitted by the Director General of Civil Aviation to operate with Nasik as base of their operation, on their own request.

Meeting of National Carriers and other air taxi operators

5855. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the national carriers, private air taxi operators and other was convened by the DGCA recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the conclusions reached at this meeting; and

(c) when Government propose to implement the conclusions reached at this meeting in regard to the safety standards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the meeting the operators were advised to take the following additional measures to enhance safety of operations.

(i) All pilots should practice flight procedures for handling emergencies, on simulators during refresher courses:

(ii) Overhead life of aircraft component should be reviewed; and

(iii) Air India and Indian Airlines should establish separate quality control and quality assurance divisions in vsew of their large scale operations.

Operators were also advised to improve airworthiness standards of aircraft and safety of operations by strengthening of quality control set up, prompt rectification of snags, establishment of adequate maintenance facilities monitoring of Digital Flight Data Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorder readouts, pre-flight medical examination of crew, observance of special precautions while operating to/from short airfields, adherence to standard operating procedures etc.

(c) Action to implement above measures is to be taken on a continuing basis.

Expenditure in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi

5856. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) during the last three years; and

(b) the number of pilots produced by this institution during that period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The expenditure incurred in Indira Gandhi

Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) during the last 3 years is as follows:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

1991-92	293.91
1992-93	317.37
1993-94	278.36

(b) During the last 3 years IIGRUA has trained a total of 102 pilots. The year-wise break-up is as under:—

Year	Total
1991-92	51
1992-93	08
1993-94	43
	102

Timing of Indian Airlines and Air taxi fights

5857. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what tre the guidelines, criteria and procedure to decide the timing of Indian Airlines and Air Taxis to fly from the same centre?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): Schedules of Indian Airlines are prepared after taking into account availability of oprating aircraft, air space, airport and traffic. Air Taxis are Non_schedule/ charter operators and they are not required to operate in accordance with any schdule.

Objecttionh to steps for checking bird hits

5858. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken objections to some of the steps to eliminate the bird hits taken by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

एयर टैक्सियों के किराये

5859. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि देश भर में चल रही एयर टैक्सियों उपभोक्ताओं से मनमाने ढंग से किराया वसूल रही है जिसके फलस्वरूप उन्हें भारी असुविधा का सामना करना पड रहा है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को वर्तमान एयर कारपोरेशन अधिनियम के अधीन एयर टैक्सियों द्वारा वसूल किये जा रहे मनमाने ढंग से किरायों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने का कोई अधिकार है ;

(ग) यदि हां तो इस अधिकार का उपयोग न कर पाने के लिए क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या इस अधिकार का उपयोग किया गया है, यदि हां, तो इसका कब प्रयोग किया गया था; और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ;

(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि अर्चना एयरवेज ने पिछले दो-तीन महीनों के दौरान दिल्ली-कुल्लू को अपने किराये में तीन गुना वृद्धि की है जिससे पर्यटन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड सकता है ; और